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MEMORANDUM FOR GENERAL CRAIG

Attn: Colonel Wright

From: Brig. Gen. Lansdale

Subject: Beach Reconnaissance

As you know, it was a surprise to me to learn that the proposed Navy beach reconnaissance in Cuba was being held in abeyance due to a JRC understanding that this proposal still needed policy approval. I then asked General Taylor for clarification.

This morning, Deputy Secretary Gilpatric informed me that this matter was discussed in the Special Group yesterday, and that the policy approval for this operation was reaffirmed. Thus, the proposed operation is clearly within approved policy.

Request that you make this approval known, properly, so that the operation can proceed. It is requested, further, that you inform the Deputy Secretary and myself of essential facts as this operation is carried out.

cc: "Eyes Only" to
Secretary McNamara
Deputy Secretary Gilpatric
General Lemnitzer
General Taylor

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